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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A multiple resonance filter as multilayer component, comprising:
- [[-]] containing at least three multilayer capacitors (K1, K2, K3, K4) adjacent to one another, having at least two different capacitances (C1, C2, C3), the at least three multilayer capacitors being adjacent each other;
- [[-]] wherein the two capacitors of the at least three multilayer capacitors outer multilayer capacitors (K1, K4) have the a same capacitance, the two capacitors being on outer ends of an arrangement formed by the at least three multilayer capacitors (C1).
- 2. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 1, [[-]] in which wherein the at least three multilayer capacitors (K1, K2, K3, K4) are connected in parallel to one another.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 1 one of claims 1 or 2, [[-]] which wherein the at least three multilayer capacitors comprise:

comprises a basic element (1) and which comprises a stack of dielectric layers; and (4) placed on top of one another, having

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electrode layers (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) between dielectric layers in the stack, the dielectric layers and the electrode layers forming a component them.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3, further comprising: [[-]] in which external contacts (71, 72) of the electrode layers (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) are placed on the front faces (81, 82) of the component, the external contacts corresponding to electrode layers in the component basic element (1).
- 5. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 4, further comprising:
- [[-]] in which a connector element to connect electrode layers of (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) belonging to different ones of the at least three multilayer capacitors, the connector element being inside the component (K1, K2, K3, K4) are connected with one another in the interior of the basic element (1).
- 6. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 5, [[-]] in which wherein the component has a length and a width, the length being greater than the width; and

wherein the electrode layers for different ones of the at least three multilayer capacitors are arranged substantially in parallel lengthwise in the component (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) progress in longitudinal direction of the basic element (1).

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7. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 5, [[-]] in which wherein the component has a length and a width, the length being greater than the width; and

wherein the electrode layers for different ones of the at least three multilayer capacitors are arranged substantially in parallel widthwise in the component (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) progress at right angles to the longitudinal direction of the basic element (1).

- 8. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 6, further comprising:
- [[-]] in which the external electrodes (711, 712, 713, 714; 721, 722, 723, 724) of the electrode layers (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) are placed on side faces (101, 102) of the component basic element (1).
- 9. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 7, further comprising:
- [[-]] a connector element that is external to the component and that connects the at least three in which the multilayer capacitors (K1, K2, K3, K4) outside the basic element (1) are connected in parallel to one another.

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10. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 1 one of claims 1 to 9, [[-]] in which wherein the at least three multilayer capacitors comprise only three multilayer capacitors (K1, K2, K3) are provided.

- 11. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 1 one of claims 1 to 9, [[-]] in which wherein the at least three multilayer capacitors comprise four multilayer capacitors (K1, K2, K3, K4) are provided, the four multilayer capacitors being in a parallel arrangement, the four multilayer capacitors comprising two center capacitors located between two edge capacitors in the parallel arrangement, wherein the two center multilayer capacitors (K2, K3) have the having a same capacitance (C2).
- 12. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 1 one of claims 1 to 11, further comprising:

leads that interconnect the at least three [[-]] in which the multilayer capacitors; and (K1, K2, K3, K4), together with inductive resistors connected to the leads of the electrode layers (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) and the leads (110, 111), form LC filters.

13. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 12, [[-]] in which wherein the dielectric layers (4) contain comprise capacitor barium titanatebased ceramics.

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14. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 13, [[-]] in which wherein the electrode layers contain comprise a ceramic material having a varistor effect.

- 15. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 3 one of claims 3 to 14, [[-]] in which wherein the basic element (1) component has a surface area that is less smaller than 6 mm².
- 16. (Currently Amended) The filter according to of claim 1 one of claims 3 to 15, [[-]] in which wherein the electrode layers (51, 52, 53, 54; 61, 62, 63, 64) belonging to for the two outer multilayer capacitors (K1, K4) have identical surface areas that are substantially same.
 - 17. (New) A resonance filter comprising:

plural capacitors, each of the plural capacitors comprising alternating layers of dielectric and electrode, the plural capacitors being arranged in parallel and interconnected, the plural capacitors comprising:

a first outer capacitor having an electrode with a first surface area; a second outer capacitor having an electrode with the first surface area; and one or more inner capacitors that are between the first outer capacitor and the second outer capacitor in an electrical sense, the one or more inner capacitors

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having one or more corresponding electrodes with surface areas that are different than the first surface area.

18. (New) The resonance filter of claim 17, wherein the one or more inner capacitors have a capacitance that is higher than a capacitance of the first outer capacitor and a capacitance of the second outer capacitor.

19. (New) The resonance filter of claim 17, further comprising a connecting element that connects electrodes of the first outer capacitor, the second outer capacitor, and the one or more inner capacitors, the connecting element being electrically conductive.

20. (New) A resonance filter comprising:

a first charge storage device having multiple layers including an electrode layer;
a second charge storage device having multiple layers including an electrode layer;
a third charge storage device having multiple layers including an electrode layer;
a connecting element that connects the first, second, and third charge storage
devices in parallel, the connecting element connecting to electrode layers of the first,
second, and third charge storage devices;

wherein the second charge storage device is between the first charge storage device and the third charge storage device in an electrical sense; and

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wherein the first charge storage device and the third charge storage device have substantially identical electrical properties that are different from a corresponding electrical property of the second charge storage device.